

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 11, 1908, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. May 11th 1908. My dear Alec:

Did you answer Miss Parmenter's telegram, and what did you say? It was awfully good in her to be willing to change the date so we could be present and I do want to be there. Please manage it if you can, and be sure and let her know one way or another.

Our christening was as lovely as it could be. I wish you could have been there, that would have made it perfect. Dr. Hale was sweet, he kissed the baby's hand twice and the baby was dear. Towards the end he bent forward to his mother and put his hand on her cheek and said "dear Marmie," then he went back to his father and patted his cheek with a "dear Dada". He was rather disturbed at one time because he wasn't allowed to suck his thumb, but his mother put it back in his mouth so he was content. He could not quite understand the water, but said his little speeches, of "How do you do" all right. Afterwards Mr. Bissett took his photograph with Mamma and Dr. Hale and again with the parents and myself. The baby was very still in Mamma's lap listening intently to the ticking of her repeater watch, his picture was perfect although Mr. Bissett held the camera open for quite a while.

I am growing so impatient for news of the flying machine I most think I must run down.

It's late so goodnight.

Your loving, Mabel.